

CITY OF LEON VALLEY



Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting Leon Valley City Council Chambers 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238 Wednesday, May 16, 2018

MINUTES

1. The Citizens Police Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 16th day of May 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Leon Valley City Hall located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas for the purpose of the following business:

The meeting was called to order by board Chairperson Marianna Sanchez at 6:02 p.m. with the following in attendance: Marianna Sanchez, Charles (Chuck) Hawsey, Richard Blackmore, Jesse Barrera, Susan Hillje, Ruth Fernandez, Matilda Valerio, Heather Riddle, Dorothy Humphrey, Byron Woodworth, Karen Seiffert, Linda Lozano, Councilor Benny Martinez, Councilor Catherine Rodriguez, and Captain Ruben Saucedo.

2. Chairperson Sanchez requested a review of the April 2018 meeting minutes. A correction to the "Mrs." title removed for the listing of Florencia Shoquist and Heather Riddle was recommended and approved. A motion to approve the meeting minutes with changes was proposed and seconded. The motion carried.
3. Chief's Report is as follows:
 - a. **Introduction of New Members. Action:** None, no new members were present.
 - b. **Burglary of Vehicle Campaign (Lock your Car, Take Your Keys, Hide Your Valuables):** Public Works crews continue to erect signs at each neighborhood throughout the City. **Action:** Provide updates on progress.
 - c. **Impound Lot:** The Impound Lot is up and running. There were 64 cars towed in the month of March and 72 vehicles towed in April. The City grossed over \$25,000 for the combined two months. **Action:** Provide reports in the future on the status of the Impound Lot.
 - d. **On It! Audit Program:** The City is doing inspections of all businesses in Leon Valley. We are working closely with the business owners to fix violations as they are discovered. The most recent notable business being audited is Leon Valley Storage on Grissom Road. The owner has been quite receptive and has worked to immediately correct the deficiencies on his property. **Action:** Continue to conduct audits and report back with findings.
 - e. **Neighborhood Officer Assignments:** The board was informed the officer assigned to the Shadow Mist subdivision resigned his full-time duty status for personal reasons. A new officer has yet to be assigned as the neighborhood point of contact. **Action:** Inform CPAC of the assigned officer's name, duty assignment, and contact information by next meeting.
 - f. **New Ordinances:** No new ordinances were discussed.

- g. **Grants Requested/Received:** No new information was discussed.
- h. **CVS Drop Box/Drug Take Back Day:** Members were advised the recently installed drop box in the vestibule between the front doors and lobby entrance is used to receive unwanted medications and is available 24 hours a day. The DEA Drug Take Back was held on Saturday, April 28th, whereby citizens were allowed to drop off their unused medications at the City Hall lobby with no questions asked. Previous drug take back days yielded at best fifteen (15) full boxes, however last month's collection efforts filled thirty-six (36) which were turned over to DEA and weighed 935 pounds. **Action:** Continue to advise the public of future program dates.
- i. **Junior Law Enforcement Competition:** The City of Leon Valley hosted 22 teams and a total of \$700.00 was awarded to the top three teams and first place winners for the top male and top female in the Fitness Challenge. The committee was informed the event will likely be implemented by the Alamo Area Chiefs of Police Association due to the growing participation and limited space in Leon Valley. **Action:** Inform the board of the final decision.
- j. **Citizen Concerns from Last Meeting:** No concerns from last meeting were discussed.

4. Consider Possible Action:

- a. **Neighborhood Watch Program:** Only new information was the announcement of the Seneca 1 HOA meeting scheduled for May 29. **Action:** Neighborhood watch programs continue to meet and share information to keep residents informed. As Neighborhood Watch programs are organized in each subdivision signs will be purchased to place in those subdivisions.
- b. **Photographic Traffic Safety Camera Program:** Committee members had a light discussion of the printouts in each packet specific to payment statistics and number of violations issued. The only issue raised was a question of what specific sanctions were in place regarding non-payment of tickets. Specifically, if the case was reported to the credit bureau and / or if the registered owner would be prevented from license plate renewal. **Action:** Obtain a definitive answer regarding the penalty for non-payment of RLC tickets for next meeting.
- c. **Pre-emption System for First Responders:** The system is functional and the City is still in the six-month testing period. **Action:** Continue to monitor the effectiveness of the system.

5. New Items Discussed:

- a. **Changes to City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances Article 3.04 Signs:** Committee members referred to the packet insert however were not certain which part of the ordinance was to be discussed. Councilor Martinez stated he spoke to the Mayor to propose a separate committee to consider changes to LED, yard, and political signs. Since no consensus was reached and the specific page number or heading was unknown, the committee agreed to table the item until next meeting. **Action:** Wait until Chief Salvaggio returns and is present for the next meeting to begin discussion.
- b. **Changes to City of Leon Valley Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 of Animal Control:** Committee members referred to the packet insert however were not certain which part of the ordinance was to be discussed. Since no consensus was reached and the specific page number or heading was unknown, the committee agreed to table the item until next meeting. **Action:** Wait until Chief Salvaggio returns and is present for the next meeting to begin discussion.
- c. **1st Amendment Auditors:** A comprehensive summary of recent events regarding the unsolicited presence of persons claiming to educate public service employees of their right to film / record in public buildings was discussed. I informed the board of our plan to heighten security measures at the council meetings in anticipation the auditors would attempt to disrupt official proceedings

and the necessity to check all persons entering the building for weapons. **Action:** Monitor the group's behavior as it relates to operations of the City and inform the committee accordingly.

6. Citizen Concerns and Committee Member Comments
 - a. Motorists cutting through the Seneca Plaza parking lot
 - b. Question of "nuisance" calls to police on persons based on color or mere appearance
 - c. Non-emergency phone calls not being answered by Bexar 911
 - d. Request for flashing stop sign on Forest Way @ Forest Crest
 - e. Status of school crossing signs on Huebner @ Evers reported to On it!
 - f. Absence of lights in parking lot across City Hall
 - g. Request for Fire Department representation
 - h. Carl's Jr. / Dickie's BBQ property needs attention
 - i. Recent curfew violations have increased at 6812 Poss Road
 - j. Property in San Antonio city limits at Woodchase Drive defaced
 - k. Status update of Evers Road bridge and July 4 contingency plans if still closed
 - l. Status update of Arredondo Group – dumping trash
 - m. Contractors driving on El Verde speeding to work
 - n. Width of truck tractors hauling concrete fabrications on Bandera Road
 - o. Truck tractors double parked on Seneca next to construction site of Quik Trip

Adjournment

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6 pm. Committee member Richard Blackmore made the motion to adjourn the July meeting, which was seconded by Heather Riddle. Chairperson Marianna Sanchez announced the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED


Charles Hawsey
For Marianna Sanchez